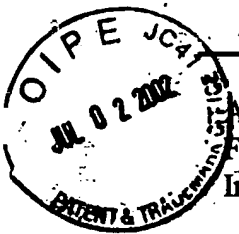


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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line <sup>27</sup>24 and ending at page 11, line <sup>19</sup>15 of the specification with the amended paragraph shown below. A marked-up version of the amended paragraph is provided in attachment 1.

The presence of a different version identification number in a processor which forms part of a fault tolerant computing system described above provides a technical problem because processors within the fault tolerant computer system may have different